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SUBJ: POSSIBLE KNESSET SESSION TO DISCUSS INTERIM AGREEMENT

REF: TEL AVIV 5212

1. IN A MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN TODAY TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HOSKINSON VISIT, HE MENTIONED THAT HIS MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM AT THE MOMENT IS HOW TO HANDLE THE LIKUD'S PROPOSAL TO RECONVENE THE KNESSET DURING ITS RECESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEBATING THE INTERIM AGREEMENT ISSUE (TEL AVIV 5212, PARA 6). HIS TACTIC IS TO TRY TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION WITH THE LIKUD ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL NEXT MONDAY.

2. RABIN SAID THIS WAS AN UNPLEASANT DEVELOPMENT BUT HE FELT HE COULD COPE WITH IT AND MINIMIZE THE PROBLEMS FOR BOTH ISRAEL AND US AT THIS DELICATE JUNCTURE IN THE ITERIM NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT: I HOPE RABIN IS RIGHT, BUT I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION EVRON EXPRESSED A MORE PESSIMISTIC VIEW TO THE DCM, SAYING THAT HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY UNDER LIKUD PRESSURE TO RECONVENE THE KNESSET THIS WEEK.
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